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Ground broken on Natick's new thermal test facility

A groundbreaking ceremony for Natick Soldier Systems Center's new thermal test facility was recently held. The building will house state-of-the-art equipment for evaluations of materials, including full-scale flame testing on protective ensembles and shelters. The installation's scientific and engineering teams will use the facility for the research and development of flame and thermal protection equipment. In addition, a suite of lasers will be used for the development of laser protection technologies.

ARH-70 completes first flight

The Army Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter (ARH-70A), developed by the Program Executive Office, Aviation, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., recently completed its first flight. The aircraft took off from Bell XworX in Arlington, Texas. The ARH will replace the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior, and will be a dual crewstation, single-pilot-operable aircraft capable of operating worldwide in all airspace. The standard armed reconnaissance configuration will include the sensor assembly, active and passive countermeasures, external weapon systems, and communication suite. The ARH will be able to communicate on the battlefield with Army, Joint, and Coalition forces.

AMC receives Small Business award

Headquarters, Army Materiel Command was recently announced the winner of the 2005 Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions Small Business Program Award. The award was given out during the 2nd Annual Veterans Small Business Conference. The program was created in 2003 to recognize superior performance for individual Small Business Program areas that encourage innovation and initiative at the major command level.

Picatinny commanding general, PEO Ammunition receives second star

Picatinny's commanding general Brig. Gen. Paul S. Izzo received his second star during a ceremony recently held at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.

Izzo was pinned with the rank of major general during a ceremony officiated by the Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Yakovac Jr. Izzo currently holds the dual position of Picatinny commanding general and Army Program Executive Officer for Ammunition. He is also expected to command the Joint Munitions Lethality Life Cycle Management Command when it is stood up.

Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce hosts BRAC town hall

Employees from Headquarters, Army Materiel Command and U.S. Army Security Assistance Command attended a series of Tennessee Valley community information briefings this week hosted by the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce. The event, which featured exhibits from Huntsville, surrounding communities, chambers of commerce, schools and other organizations, was designed to provide information and resources to employees considering the move to the Tennessee Valley area based on the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission decision.

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